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SUBJECT: ALLEGED US DOCTORING OF AERIAL SURVEILLANCE PHOTOGRAPHS

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1. THE LEAD ARTICLE IN HAARETZ (MATTI GOLAN) OF AUGUST 30 ALLEGED THAT THE US HAS TAMPERED WITH ITS AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF EGYPTIAN POSITIONS IN SINAI SO AS TO INDICATE THAT THE NUMBER OF EGYPTIAN UNITS HAVE BEEN REDUCED. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, JERUSALEM BELIEVES THAT THE AMERICANS, ANXIOUS TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT CALM BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT, MINIMIZED THE EXTENT OF EGYPTIAN VIOLATIONS OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT BY PRINTING THE AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO SHOW FEWER EGYPTIAN UNITS.

2. WRITING IN YEDIOT ACHRONOT, ZIMUKI SOUNDED A SIMILAR THEME IN A LESS STRIDENT TONE. REFERRING TO US AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS, HE QUOTES UNNAMED SOURCES TO THE EFFECT THAT "THERE HAVE LONG BEEN DOUBTS ABOUT THE ACCURACY OF US REPORTS TO ISRAEL" ON THE SUBJECT OF EGYPTIAN VIOLATIONS, AND THAT "THE US MAY WELL GO SLOW IN HANDING OVER PHOTOS THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTAIN EVIDENCE OF VIOLATIONS."

3. COMMENT: THESE TWO ARTICLES CONTRAST SHARPLY
WITH GENERALLY POSITIVE REPORTS ON CABINET REVIEW
OF SINAI ACCORD ON AUGUST 29 (SEE SEPTTEL).
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